and urging upon them to initiate effective and concerted measures to keep this work upto date by streamlinging their system and procedures in this regard and clear the arrears within a time bound programme. The banks are seized of the problem and have initiated a number of measures to bring about the improvement in this area of work. Most of the Public Sector Banks have computerised their inte-branch reconciliation work. The progress made by banks is also reviewed by the Reserve Bank of India and the banks' own Boards.

(c) Reserve Bank of India have reported that the present data reporting system does not yield information relating to the number of cases of frauds due to delay in reconciliation alone. As per the information furnished by the RBI, the Public Sector Banks have reported to RBI a total number of 1822 suspected fraud cases including cases of misappropriation in India during 1986. Whenever a fraud is detected by a bank or is brought to its notice, a preliminary investigation is made by the bank and based on the findings, a decision is taken to conduct a thorough investigation departmentally or to handover the case to the local police or to the CBI. On the basis of the enquiry report received from the CBI|Police, or from internal enquiry, banks award punishment to their staff who are found to be responsible for the lapses or negligence facilitating the commission of frauds.

Rural development allowance

1870. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any evaluation to know how far the rural development allowance on income-tax incentive given to the industry has evoked response in achieving the socio-economic objective by directly involving the industry in the task of rural development;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the number of companies which obtained approval for their programmes since the inception of the income-tax incentive, the number of those who actually implemented their programme and the companies which lost interest after a modest implementation of their schemes;

(c) what according to the evaluation made by the Government are the causes for lukewarm response and failure to motivate the industry in the task of rural development; and

(d) what steps are contemplated by the Government to involve the industry in the cause of rural development in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir. The task was entrusted to the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi.

(b) As per the report only 155 companies have obtained approval for the programmes and out of those who obtained the approval not all went ahead to implement them. Roughly 1/5th of them did not implement them. 1/3rd of the companies which availed of the benefit of the provision lost interest in it affter implementing relatively modest programmes.

(c) The main reason for the lukewarm response and failure to motivate the industry in the task of rural development is the inability or unwillingness on the part of many companies to tackle the managerial and other problems involved in executing the rural development programme on their own. Further section 35CCA which was inserted by the Finance Act, 1978 proved more popular. According to this provisions companies could avail of full deduction of the sum paid to approved Associations and Institutions which undertook approved rural development programmes, and the companies did not themselves have to execute the programmes.

(d) At present no legislative changes in the direct tax laws are being contemplated with a view to involve the industry in the cause of rural development in the country.

All India Radio and Doordarshan correspondents

1871. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTNG be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of All India Radio and Doordarshan correspondents posted in the third world countries;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of correspondents in the third world countries is quite inadequate and as a result the media of the Government depend largely on the foreign news agencies; and

(c) if so, what remedial measure Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) At present, All India Radio has seven regular correspondents abroad. Doordarshan does not have any foreign correspondents.

(b) Impdovements in direct coverage of events abroad are reviewed regularly taking into account the resources available

(c) The VII Five Year Plan proposals of All India Radio include a scheme for creation of more posts of correspondents abroad.

Sunday Feature Film on Doordarshan

1872. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of 'A' Grade films telecast on Sundays through Doordarshan during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the price rather than quality of the film, is the determining factor for selection of Sundays' films; and

(c) what is the total amount of profit accrued to Doordarshan through commercials during 1984—86.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFQRMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The total number of 'A' Grade films telecast on Sundays by Doordarshan during the last three years (March, 1984 to February, 1987) is 22.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Gross revenue accrued to Doordarshan from commercials was Rs. 31.44 crores in 1984-85 and Rs. 60.20 crores in 1985-86.

Replacement of the Rolls Royce RB-199 of the LCA with GEF 404

1873. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to replace the Rolls Royce RB-199 engine for the design stage of the prestigious Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) with GEF 404, which is over 20 years old and a Franch Company is entering the project at a late stage, particularly when RB 199 engine and West Germany, MBB was considered the best among the available options and a decision to go in for it was taken in 1985; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) and (b)